

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY):** (a) to (c) Minister of Defence has not made any statement as stated in part (a) & (b) of the Question.

On the basis of Ministry of Finance's instructions issued on 31st January, 1989 relating to Indian Agents of foreign suppliers for all the Ministries/Departments under the Government of India, supplementary instructions were issued by the Ministry of Defence in April, 1989 and in November, 2001 to regulate authorized Indian representatives/agents of foreign suppliers. The instructions provide for the regulation of representational arrangements through a system of registration, categorical and open declaration by the foreign suppliers of the services to be rendered by their authorized representatives/agents and the remuneration payable to them by way of fees, commission or any other method. So far no authorized Indian Representative/Agent has been registered by the Ministry of Defence in terms of these instructions.

**Vacant Post of Registrar in Nehru Institute of Mountaineering,  
Uttarkashi**

**1534. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Registrar in Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi has been vacant for a long time;

(b) whether the post is remaining vacant despite selection of suitable candidates and formal intimation to the candidates to join the institute in May, 2006;

(c) by when Government propose to fill up the vacancy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY):** (a) The post has been vacant since 31.1.2006.

(b) The selection could not be made as only one application was received against the vacancy circular issued by the Institute and the sole applicant did not meet the Qualitative Requirements (QRs) for the post.

(c) and (d) The vacancy has already been re-circulated to fill up the post at the earliest in accordance with extant instructions.

### **Fragging among armed forces**

1535. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of fragging among armed forces reported during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the personnel who died and those injured in such cases; year-wise;

(c) whether Government have assessed the pattern in respect of ranks of personnel who had to resort to fragging;

(d) which are the areas where most of the cases of fragging occurred;

(e) whether Government have assessed the causes of such incidents;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what steps are being taken to address such causes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (g) There have been five incidents of fratricide in Army in 2004, six in 2005 and eleven in 2006 (upto 4th November, 2006). No such incident has been reported in Air Force and Navy during the last three years. The year-wise details of personnel killed and injured in such cases in the Army during the last three years are as under:—

| Year                           | Killed | Injured |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 2004                           | 09     | 03      |
| 2005                           | 13     | Nil     |
| 2006 (upto 4th November, 2006) | 23     | 07      |